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SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President, under these circumstances then we could challenge his ruling and come up with 25 votes and override him. Right?

PRESIDENT: Yes. This was a precautionary matter on the part of this Chair and the Speaker so that . . .

SENATOR BARNETT: I don't think there would be any objection to attempting to override the Speaker. It has nothing to do with his decision.

PRESIDENT: Alright. Could we have some order in the House. We are voting on the Stull amendment to the Nichol amendment to the Barnett amendment. Chair is in error, Senator Stull did not propose an amendment. He agreed with Senator Nichol's amendment.

CLERK: We have the Nichol amendment to the Barnett amendment.

PRESIDENT: Would you read the Nichol amendment to the Barnett amendment.

CLERK: The Nichol amendment is simply, I assume it's to the Barnett amendment, simply to provide that all counties will be included in LB 125.

PRESIDENT: The question is the Nichol amendment to the Barnett amendment that all counties be included in the bill. Senator Koch.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I rise in support of this amendment and I think it's germane to the topic in total. I also would object to sending it back to the committee for what I think would be a trivial hearing in taking up time of that body. I've seen us in this body gut bills and never go back to hearings. I think all the counties and all of them should be in there. Schools and cities presently have this ability to sell surplus properties when they deem it necessary. I think we're merely trying to harmonize laws for all people for once the same way.

PRESIDENT: Senator Syas.

SENATOR SYAS: I just want to ask a question of the Chair. If we adopt this amendment, that I too think it might be a good thing, then as I understand it the next procedure would be whether you take up Senator Burbach's amendment to see whether it's rereferred for a hearing. Is that what we're doing?

PRESIDENT: I think the Speaker has advised that in his opinion there has to be a sufficiently major change here that it would dictate another public hearing.

SENATOR SYAS: Yeah, OK, but the first thing we do is adopt the amendment, if we do?

PRESIDENT: Yes.